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## FARM LOANS

Five to Seven Years at Lowest Rates, With Privilege of paying anytime after one year.

Farm lands Bought, Sold and Exchanged.

**FRANK FUHR,**

Office in First National Bank Building,  
MEADE, KANSAS

### County Buys Lots

In the proceedings of the County Board, which appear in today's News, will be found this item: "Lucy R. Allen lots 17 to 24 inc. Blk. 3, O. S. \$4,600."

These lots are the remainder of the half block in which the present court house is located, and were purchased by the Commissioners at this time to assure the County of a suitable building site when a new one is needed. As Meade advances in other lines, the price of property is also advancing, and their purchasing the lots at this time will be a saving to the county later on.

The need of a new court house becomes more urgent each day, for numerous reasons. At the present time there is not sufficient room in the vault to store the records, and in the event of a fire many would be burned and the cost of replacing those which it would be possible to do, would be enormous, and many could not be replaced at any cost.

The present jury room 12x14 in size, is an unsanitary place in which to confine twelve men for any length of time. It has already virtually been condemned by the health officer, and has many times been complained of by the late Judge Finley.

There is no Judge's room and when he has instructions to write for a jury it is necessary for him to go to a hotel or to some office to do so, where he is often disturbed and interrupted.

There is no room in which the witnesses may remain while waiting to be called and matters are often delayed while the sheriff hunts the streets over for a witness who is usually waiting in some store or elsewhere until he is sent for.

The lack of an attorney room is not a seldom cause for inconvenience and loss of time.

The county board is handicapped in no small measure by having no room in which to hold their meetings. Under present conditions they are compelled to meet in the County Clerk's office. The room is too small to seat all those who have business with the Commissioners and for this reason the work of the Clerk is at a standstill while the Board is in session.

A new court house is not an idle dream, neither is it an unnecessary expense to the taxpayers. The condition of the present building is such that a new one will be an absolute necessity within a very short time.

When the issue comes before the people the question of raising the money will also come.

Bonds could be voted, but a direct tax seems more practical.

The assessed valuation of the property of Meade county is more than ten million dollars. A building costing between fifty and sixty thousand would be ample, and the levy to raise that amount would be so small that it would scarcely be noticed.

### Thompson Considered

Topeka, Jan. 18—According to what several prominent democratic politicians say is inside information, President Wilson has the name of Senator William H. Thompson, as one of three whom he is seriously considering for the appointment of associate justice of the United States supreme court to take the place of the late Justice Lamar. Kansas City papers recently carried an account of the possibility of Senator Thompson's appointment, and it is asserted that the senior senator from Kansas has the endorsement of a large number of Kansas lawyers and business men for the place.

Whether or not Senator Thompson gets the appointment, his friends are saying that his chances for the appointment are good and it is by no means an impossibility that he may be given the place. With Fred Robertson, United States district attorney, Senator Thompson is the senior member of the law firm of Thompson & Robertson.

### Basket Ball

There will be a basket ball game at the school auditorium Friday evening, January 21, at which time the Liberal girls will meet the Meade girls in what will no doubt be an exciting game. The game starts at 7:30. Admission 25 cents. Come out and help the home girls win.

January 24 25 and 26—The Grace Baird Stock Co.

A new time card which recently went into effect on the Rock Island does not effect the passenger train service at this place. Since the 15th of this month the inter-state fare has been three cents per mile. In the state the fare remains the same, two cents per mile.

Members of the Christian church residing in Meade have organized and in the future will have regular services. For the present they have rented the Sourbeer hall, and Rev. L. A. Smith will have charge of the congregation.

Mrs. L. A. Carter has purchased a half interest in The Owl restaurant from C. F. Dawson. Some remodeling is being done and the place put in first class shape. Regular meals will be served, also short orders at all hours. Make The Owl a call. Up-to-date service and courteous treatment are assured you. The News wishes this new firm success.

Joe Latcher, who lives ten miles southeast of Meade, had the misfortune to become entangled in a piece of machinery last Monday while at work on his farm, and a broken thigh bone was the result. Dr. Davies was called, and at present Mr. Latcher is resting easy.

### Population Increases

During the ten years from 1905 to 1915, the state of Kansas gained 127,000 in population and the greatest percentages of gain were in the counties of southwestern Kansas. There is hardly a county in the district south and west of Ford that has not at least doubled its population during that period, and cases where 200 and 300 percent were gained are common.

Morton county gained more than 800 per cent during the ten years. In 1905 it was the smallest county in the state in point of population, but its enormous gain in population during the period put it ahead of four other counties in the state. Below is shown the population of the different counties in this part of the state in 1915 and ten years ago:

County	1915	1905
Clark	4,290	1,843
Comanche	4,603	1,843
Edwards	6,734	5,422
Finney	6,016	3,204
Ford	13,152	7,665
Grant	900	397
Gray	3,674	1,746
Hamilton	2,253	1,531
Haskell	995	558
Hodgeman	3,165	2,590
Kearney	2,316	1,218
Meade	5,276	2,187
Morton	1,729	211
Pratt	11,642	8,218
Seward	4,498	1,035
Stafford	11,383	10,301
Stanton	824	375
Stevens	2,370	749

—Dodge City Globe.

Get the habit—take in all the shows next week.

W. F. Casteen and wife returned last week from Kansas City, where they attended the Western Vehicle and Implement Dealer's Convention.

The meetings of the Farm and Home institute, held in Meade on Friday and Saturday were not so well attended on account of the bad weather.

Dr. W. W. Simpson, who died very suddenly at his home in Meade, last Thursday morning, was well known in this city. He was one of the pioneers in the settling of the southwestern country and one of the most popular citizens in Meade. Impressive ceremonies were held at his late home last Friday morning and the entire community paid honor to his memory. Dr. Simpson was unmarried but had a deep attachment for children. While on a trip to California last summer he sent over 1,000 postal cards to the young people of Meade county. The suddenness of his death was a great shock to that community. His brother, Dr. O. H. Simpson, who left for Meade immediately upon receipt of the sad news of his death, was deeply impressed with the high regard with which the deceased was held in his home town.—Dodge City Kansas Journal.

Dr. J. B. Amphlett has purchased the dental office formerly owned by Dr. W. W. Simpson deceased. He expects to open an office at Plains.

### Married

Mr. George T. Classen and Miss Agnes J. Rempel were united in marriage last Sunday at the Mennonite church, Bishop Jacob F. Isaac, officiating.

### Wichita Invites You

The annual convention of the Kansas State Live Stock Association will be held in Wichita February 8, 9, and 10 for the second successive time. An attendance of approximately 10,000 is expected during the three-day session. Last year more than 3,000 were registered and the total number at the coming meeting is expected to more than treble the 1915 figures. The Wichita Live Stock Exchange, the Union Stock Yards Company and the business men of the city are working hard to show the visitors the very best time of their lives. It will prove to be the biggest and best gathering of cattlemen in the history of the state as well as the most important convention of the year for the city.

The very best talent available has been secured both for the serious side of the live stock industry and for the entertainment of the visitors. Prominent men will address the sessions on such subjects as freight rates, government regulations, sanitation, breeds, and upon every phase of the industry. The spacious and beautiful Consistory building will be used for the sessions and the entertainment will be given in the theatre of that building which is one of the roomiest and best appointed in the city. A big troupe of performers has been secured for the first two evenings and a banquet will close the festivities on the third. Special attention will be given to the entertaining of visiting ladies. Some of Wichita's most prominent women are in charge of this feature. Every live stock man in the country is cordially invited to come to Wichita at that time and bring his wife, sister, or daughter.

Frank Wehrle left Wednesday for Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

The recent cold weather has played havoc with a number of automobile radiators.

Dr. J. B. Amphlett left Wednesday for Neodesha, where his brother is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Stamper went to Wichita Tuesday, where Mrs. Stamper will receive medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith and daughter, Dorothy, of Halstead, were guests at the M. E. parsonage last week.

Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Hunt left the first of the week for Winfield, Kansas, where Mrs. Hunt will receive medical treatment.

The Grace Baird Stock Company is playing at Convention Hall this week. It is one of the best stock companies that has ever visited St. John. Every member of the company handles his or her respective part splendidly and there is, apparently, not a weak spot. The company will be here all week, closing Saturday night. Very good crowds are enjoying the play nightly and those who have not been attending are certainly missing something good.—St. John News.

### For Sale—Automobile

A Buick, Model 35, in first class running order and paint good. Call or address, C. H. Burford, Meade, Kansas.

### Grace Baird Stock Co

The Grace Baird Stock Co. will visit our city next week, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, January 24, 25, and 26. Carrying ten people and a line of plays which have never been shown in this city, a feature line of vaudeville specialties between acts, special scenery, and a splendid orchestra this company will have no trouble in pleasing our people. The Grace Baird Co. is one of the best coming to Meade this season. They promise better satisfaction than any other company coming here barring none. Seats on sale at Marshall's. Remember the dates and buy your tickets early. Admission 25, 35, and 50 cents.

The news that oil had been struck at Gate, Oklahoma, reached Meade Wednesday. No particulars have so far been learned.

The box supper and entertainment to have been given at the Merkle school on January 15th, and postponed on account of bad weather, will be given January 28th. A cordial invitation is extended by Miss Ola Granger, the teacher, to everyone.

A noticeable change has taken place in the weather since our last issue, and for a few days some real winter was experienced. Tuesday it moderated and a light fall of snow followed. As we go to press it is raining and the thermometer registers 46 above.

### A. O. U. W.

The A. O. U. W. lodge has been doing some revival work in the way of getting new members and on Monday night of this week initiated a class of fourteen. After the degree work was finished the members adjourned to The Owl restaurant where a banquet was served and a social time indulged in.

Dr. Ralph H. Hertler, of Newton, Kansas, was present to conduct the medical examination, and A. O. Reeside, of Wichita to conduct the initiation and secret work.

The moisture which Meade county is today receiving in the form of rain, is going to be worth millions to the coming wheat crop. At this time, Thursday, there is a heavy fall and indications are that it will continue for several hours. Up to this time the wheat has not suffered.

G. L. Garlinghouse went to Cimarron last Monday.

Grace Baird Stock Co. Admission 25, 35, and 50 cents.

T. C. Perry, of Mullenville was in Meade the first of this week.

F. M. Davis went to Topeka Tuesday to attend to some legal business.

Miss Mary Weota, of Fowler, spent a part of this week in Meade.

W. F. Casteen's store is closed while the yearly invoice is being taken.

Elmer Covalt is recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Vaudeville specialties between each act. The Grace Baird Co. Phelps theatre next week.

### Commissioners Proceedings

Continued from last week.

Oct. term juror	
Claude Drake	6 20
J H Schnellbacher	5 60
W H Finkle	2 50
W C Hooper	3 25
Frank Crocker	2 50
W H Dalgarn	2 50
E A Kobs	2 60
H H Eckhoff	6 80
A Apple	6 20
Willis Wolfe	5 10
J H Pinnick	6 50
J P Ballard	7 20
W W Cain	6 50
B H Downing	3 10
S D Elliott	6 60
W B McQueen	5 20
W R Edwards	6 60
C L Edwards	5 60
C I Reeves	6 20
U G King	6 60
B W Deck	7 20
Lou Meyers	3 80
Lucy R Allen lots 17 to 24 inc. blk. 3, O. S.	1600 00
Canton Bridge Co.	
Borchers bridge	1930 85
H S Kimber boarding prisoners	197 30
City Drug Store, Fowler	
Paris green for co.	115 92
John Munz view. road	2 00
J D Wetmore	2 00
C B Wetmore	2 00
M E Dahmer	2 00
M A Bird	2 00
C F Wells	2 00
Leo Berger	2 00
Joe Gerber	2 00
W T Krisle	2 00
F W Calvert vital statistics	5 25
O D Johnson	3 00
E E Innis	9 25
F O Hunt	7 75
E A Schmoker	
meals for jurors	4 20
C E Boyer J P in Sever case	1 45
Constable	5 00
Frank Sourbeer	
J P in Hampston case	3 05
R E Thoman	2 65
O Cathers constable	25
R E Thomas J P in	
J Pyle case	2 15
O Cathers constable	5 55
R E Thoman J P in	
Frank Lew case	3 20
O Cathers constable	75
R E Thoman J P in	
E C Miller case	3 25
O Cathers constable	75
A E Sumner J P in	
John Pyle case	2 25
Frank Sourbeer J P in	
Ollie Crammer case	2 90
Geo Pillsbury witness	4 40
Mrs Whitehead	4 00
Verdie Winsor	4 00
Margaret Winsor	4 00
Wm McCarter	5 50
Julia Peed associate exam.	18 00
Mollie Backe	18 00
R S Gerow light fixtures	9 15
Roy Twist floor sweep	4 50
Wm Fisher work at court house	75
J N Noell sand and work at jail	33 35
Lou Feldman sacks for co.	1 50
Rich & Thoman casket for Deuchmann child	9 00
G A Gamble overs'r of poor	5 00
H N Holdeman	8 25
Am Disinfecting Co	
Disinfectant for co	25 00
Crane & Co books for co	87 83
Dodsworth & Co	
stationary for co	15 50
M L Perry, M D mdse for Mary McNellis	6 55
Lockwood-Hazel Co	
books for co	24 72
Monitor Printing Co assessment blanks and book	66 40
Hutchinson Printing Co	
tax rolls	65 03
Bell Memorial Hospital	
services for Ruth Cook	54 00
Moses Black Go Surveyor	56 00

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